

Commonwealth of Massachusetts To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth afore said the petition of the Town of
Humbly Sheweth that although the
good people of this Commonwealth have by the kind hand
of the Supreme governor of the Universe ben preserved through a
Long and unnatural war and by the protecting and over Ruling hand
arrived To a happy Issue and Peace in our Borders and in Addition
To the above Blessings are favoured with a good frame of Government
yet there are ^{matters of} certain grievance which this Commonwealth labours under
in General and this Town as part of the Same which we think may
and ought to be Redressed of which we Shall mention to your
Honours the following Viz 1 By the giving into the hands of the
Honorable the Continental Congress the Impost to be under
their Sole controule we conceive to be a grievance and in our
opinion ought to be immediately Repealed not but that we are free
and willing that an impost on all imported articles should
immediately Take place but the proceeds thereof ought to be paid
into our State Treasurer and in a Constitutional way Drawn out by
a warrant from the governor of the Commonwealth and
if applyed to Congress or any part thereof ought to be Set to our Credit
So we may ^{receive} the benefit of the Same which we conceive no State
in the union have any Just Right to
2 By we conceive that the Expence of Days of publick Prepay sing
ought not to be paid out of the publick Treasury but ought to be
paid by those who partake of the Same and not by the Commonwealth
at Large
3 By the making Large grants To the officers of the Late Continental
army or officers of the Publick any more then a moderate pay for
their Services we conceive a grievance and under our present
circumstances ought not to be, and where Ever any has heretofore
been made they ought to be Reconsidered for in our opinion the
grants heretofore made Cannot be more binding on the good
people of this Commonwealth then that of the Redemption of the old
money which in our opinion most Earnestly ought to be urged by
the General Court and that no further Grants be made to the Congress
untill the other States in the union Comply with the Redemption
of Said money and that his Excellency the governor be Requested not
to Sign any warrant on the treasury for the Remainder of the four
hundred Thousand pounds which is now Assessed and paid or to be paid
into the Treasury untill a Redress is obtained

4th That the good people of this State are Greatly
oppressed and Distressed for the want of a proper Ballance
of a circulating medium and that the Credit
of the State Greatly Suffer from no other motive than
the necessities of the people and by Reason of the States
Holding the property of individuals Bind one part of the people
so that the other make Their necessity Their opportunity
which much Grievous The good people of this State and we
pray that ways and means may be found out for our Relief
we your Humble petitioners pray your honours To Take the
matters into your wise Consideration and grant such
Relief as you in your Wisdom Shall See Just and
Reasonable as your petitioners in Duty Bound
Shall Ever pray Signed by order of

We the Delegates lealy Chosen by our Respective Towns
to meet in Convention to Consider certain matters of Grievance
which the good People of this Commonwealth in General and
County in particular labour under we are ~~unanimously~~ of
opinion that the foregoing petition be laid before the
Several Towns in this County for their approbation
and if ~~by~~ their approving of the same ^{it be} by their Several
Representatives presented to the General Court with
particular instructions to see that the same be
Immediately attended to Obenzer Davis per Order
Done after April ye 22th 1784

Recorded at
County Convention
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